

HEADQUARTERS FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE
Directorate of Information - Ext. 21232
March Air Force Base, California

MAJOR GENERAL JOSEPH J. NAZZARO

PART I. Narrative

Joseph James Nazzaro was born in New York City on March 21, 1913. He graduated from high school in New York in 1931, and attended Millard Preparatory School in Washington, D.C. In 1932 he entered the U.S. Military Academy and was appointed a Second Lieutenant of Infantry on graduation in June 1936.

That September General Nazzaro entered Primary Flying School and was graduated from the Advanced Flying School at Kelly Field, Texas, in October 1937 and transferred to the Air Corps.

His first assignment was in the Philippine Islands with the Third Observation Squadron and the Third Pursuit Squadron where he later served as Squadron Commander of the same organization.

In 1940, General Nazzaro was assigned to the Seventh Bombardment Group at Salt Lake City, Utah, and from there went to Spokane, Washington as Commander of a B-17 Squadron. In 1941 he served as Deputy Commander of the 39th Bomb Group at Tucson, Arizona. Late in 1942 he became Commander of the 302d Bombardment Group.

Named Commander of the 381st Bombardment Group (B-17) at Pyote, Texas, in early 1943, General Nazzaro led the Unit to England in May where it was assigned to the Eighth Air Force. He retained command of the 381st until January 1944 when he became Deputy Director of Operations for the U.S. Strategic Air Force in Europe.

In August he returned to the United States and was assigned as Operations and Training Officer for Headquarters, Second Air Force. Three months later he was designated Deputy Commander of the 316th Bombardment Wing (Very Heavy) at Colorado Springs, Colorado, moving with the Wing to Okinawa and assuming command on December 1, 1945.

General Nazzaro retained this position until May 1946 when he again returned to the United States to become Chief of the Operations Division under the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations of the Strategic Air Command, Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C.

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From August 1946 to June 1947, the General was a student at the Air Command and Staff School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. Upon completing the course he became an instructor at the school, a position he held until December 1948 when he returned to Washington, D.C. for duty with Headquarters, United States Air Force, in the War Plans Division of the Directorate of Plans.

In August 1952 General Nazzaro assumed command of the 68th Bombardment Wing (Medium), a B-29 unit of the Strategic Air Command, at Lake Charles Air Force Base, Louisiana and in January 1953 was named Commander of the 38th Air Division at Hunter Air Force Base, Georgia.

Still with the Strategic Air Command, on June 15, 1955 the General was appointed Commander of the Fifth Air Division in Morocco.

Returning to the States in July 1957 General Nazzaro was assigned to Air Force Headquarters as Director of Personnel Planning in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel. On July 22, 1959 he became Deputy Commander, 15th Air Force, March AFB, California.

General Nazzaro is rated a Command Pilot, Combat Observer, and Aircraft Observer.

General Nazzaro is married to the former (b)(6) daughter of the late Lieutenant General Millard Harmon, USAF. They have two daughters, (b)(6) and (b)(6).

PART II. Fact Sheet

A. Personnel Data.

1. Born 21 March 1913, New York, New York.

2. Married January 19, 1942; Wife: (b)(6)

Children: (b)(6) born (b)(6) and

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3. Hometown address: New York, New York.

B. Education.

1. Graduate Alexander Hamilton High School, Brooklyn, New York, 1932.

2. Attended Millard Preparatory School in Washington, D. C., 1932.

3. Graduate United States Military Academy, 1936.
4. Advanced Flying School, Kelly Field, Texas, 1937.
5. Air Command and Staff School, 1947.
6. George Washington University Air Force Manpower Management Training Program, 1954.

C. Service Dates.

1. September 1932 - June 1936 - Cadet, U.S. Military Academy.
2. June 1936 - October 1937 - Pilot Training, Randolph-Kelly Fields, Texas.
3. October 1937 - January 1938 - Squadron duties, 64th School Squadron, Kelly Field, Texas.
4. February 1938 - February 1940 - Squadron duties, 4th Composite Group, Nichols Field, P. I.
5. February 1940 - September 1940 - Base Supply Officer, Moffett Field, California.
6. September 1940 - May 1941 - Squadron duties, 9th Bomb Squadron (H), Fort Douglas, Utah.
7. May 1941 - January 1942 - Commander, 61st Bomb Squadron and later Deputy Commander, 39th Bomb Group (H), Geiger Field, Washington.
8. February 1942 - December 1942 - Commander, 302d Bomb Group, Tucson, Arizona and Pueblo, Colorado.
9. January 1943 - January 1944 - Commander, 381st Bomb Group (B-17), Pyote, Texas; Pueblo, Colorado; and Eighth Air Force in England.
10. January 1944 - August 1944 - Assistant Director of Operations, U.S. Strategic Air Force in Europe.

11. August 1944 - October 1944 - Operations and Training Staff Officer, Second Air Force, Colorado Springs, Colorado.
12. October 1944 - April 1946 - Deputy and later Commander, 316th Bomb Wing (VH), Peterson Field, Colorado, and Okinawa.
13. May 1946 - August 1946 - Chief, Operations Division, A-3, SAC, Bolling Field, Washington, D.C.
14. September 1946 - June 1947 - Student, Air Command and Staff School, Maxwell Field, Alabama.
15. July 1947 - December 1948 - Instructor, Air Command and Staff School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama.
16. December 1948 - August 1952 - Duty in the War Plans Division, Directorate of Plans, DCS/O, Headquarters USAF.
17. August 1952 - January 1953 - Commander, 68th Bomb Wing (M), SAC, Lake Charles AFB, Louisiana.
18. January 1953 - June 1955 - Commander, 38th Air Division, SAC, Hunter AFB, Georgia.
19. June 1955 - July 1957 - Commander, 5th Air Division, SAC, Morocco.
20. July 1957 - Director of Personnel Planning, DCS/P, Headquarters USAF, Washington, D.C.

D. Decorations and Medals.

1. Silver Star.
2. Legion of Merit and Three Oak Leaf Clusters.
3. French Croix de Guerre with Palm.
4. Distinguished Flying Cross
5. Air Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster.

E. Promotions.

<u>RANK</u>	<u>TEMPORARY</u>	<u>PERMANENT</u>
2d Lt	12 June 1936	12 June 1936
1st Lt		12 June 1939
Captain	9 Sep 1940	12 June 1946
Major	5 Dec 1941	
Lt Colonel	1 Mar 1942	1 July 1948
Colonel	16 Aug 1943	27 July 1950
Brigadier General	3 Dec 1952	10 August 1955
Major General	29 Oct 1956	10 August 1955



Biography

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

GENERAL JOSEPH J. NAZZARO

General Joseph J. Nazzaro is Commander in Chief of Pacific Air Forces (PACAF), with headquarters at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii. PACAF is the tactical aerospace arm of the United States Air Force in the Central and Western Pacific, the Far East and Southeast Asia. As the air component of the Department of Defense's unified Pacific Command, PACAF is responsible, in conjunction with U.S. allies, for maintaining air superiority throughout the Pacific Command area. PACAF also assists in the training of friendly air forces, including the Vietnamese, in offensive and defensive air tactics and techniques.

General Nazzaro was born in New York, N.Y., Mar. 21, 1913. He attended high school in New York, Millard Preparatory School in Washington, D.C., and was graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1936 with a commission as second lieutenant in the Infantry. After graduation from advanced flying school at Kelly Field, Tex., in October 1937, he was transferred to the Army Air Corps.

He then served in the Philippine Islands and from 1940 to 1942, General Nazzaro held assignments with the 7th Bombardment Group, Salt Lake City, Utah; 39th Bombardment Group, Geiger Field, Wash., and commanded the 302nd Bombardment Group, Tucson, Ariz.

Early in 1943, General Nazzaro was named Commander of the 381st Bombardment Group, Pyote, Tex., and led the unit to England in May where it joined the Eighth Air Force. In January 1944, he became Deputy Director of Operations, United States Strategic Air Forces in Europe.

In August 1944, General Nazzaro returned to the United States and was assigned as Deputy Commander, 316th Bombardment Wing, Colorado Springs, Colo. The wing was moved to Okinawa in December 1945, at which time he assumed command.

In May 1946, he became Chief of the Operations Division, Headquarters Strategic Air Command, Bolling Field, Washington, D.C. Following graduation from the Air Command and Staff School at Maxwell Field, Ala., General Nazzaro became an instructor at the school, a position he held until December 1948. He then returned to Washington, D.C., for duty in the War Plans Division, Directorate of Plans, Headquarters U.S. Air Force.

In August 1952, General Nazzaro moved to Lake Charles Air Force Base, La., to take command of the 68th Bombardment Wing. A year later he was named Commander of the 38th Air Division, Hunter Air Force Base, Ga.

In June 1955, General Nazzaro was appointed Commander of Strategic Air Command's 5th Air Division in Morocco. He returned to the United States in July 1957 and was

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assigned to U.S. Air Force Headquarters as Director of Personnel Planning.

In July 1959, General Nazzaro was named Deputy Commander, Fifteenth Air Force, March Air Force Base, Calif., and in October 1962, he became Commander of the Eighth Air Force, Westover Air Force Base, Mass.

In December 1964, General Nazzaro became Vice Commander in Chief of Strategic Air Command, and in February 1967, he was appointed Commander in Chief. He assumed duties as Commander in Chief of Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) with headquarters at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, in July 1968.

He is a command pilot, combat observer and aircraft observer. His military decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Silver Star, Legion of Merit with three oak leaf clusters, Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with one oak leaf cluster.

General Nazzaro is married to the former (b)(6) daughter of the late Lieutenant General Millard Harmon, U.S. Air Force. They have two daughters, (b)(6) and (b)(6).

PERSONAL FACT SHEET

A. Personal Data:

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2. Married - Jan 19, 1942; wife - (b)(6) children -
(b)(6) and (b)(6)

3. Hometown - New York, N.Y.

B. Education:

1. Graduate Alexander Hamilton High School, Brooklyn, N.Y., 1931.

2. Attended Millard Preparatory School, Washington, D.C., 1932.

3. Graduate U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., 1936.

4. Graduate Advanced Flying School, Kelly Fld., Tex., 1937.

5. Air Command and Staff School, Maxwell Fld., Ala., 1947.

6. George Washington University Air Force Manpower Management Training Program, Washington, D.C., 1954.

C. Service:

1. Sept 1932 - June 1936 Cadet, U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.

2. June 1936 - Oct 1937 Pilot training, Randolph and Kelly Flds., Tex.

3. Oct 1937 - Jan 1938 Sq. duties, 64th School Sq., Kelly Fld., Tex.

4. Feb 1938 - Feb 1940 Sq. duties, 4th Composite Gp., Nichols Fld., P.I.

5. Feb 1940 - Sept 1940 Base Supply Officer, Moffett Fld., Calif.

6. Sept 1940 - May 1941 Sq. duties, 9th Bomb. Sq., (H), Ft. Douglas,
Utah.

7. May 1941 - Jan 1942 Commander, 61st Bomb. Sq., and later Dep.
Comdr., 39th Bomb. Gp. (H), Geiger Fld., Wash.

8. Feb 1942 - Dec 1942 Comdr., 302nd Bomb. Gp., Tuscon, Ariz., and
Pueblo, Colo.

9. Jan 1943 - ^{Jan}~~Aug~~ 1944 Comdr., 381st Bomb. Gp. (B-17), Pyote, Tex.;
Pueblo, Colo., and 8th Air Force, England.

10. Jan 1944 - Aug 1944 Asst. Director of Operations, U.S. Strategic
Air Forces in Europe.

11. Aug 1944 - Oct 1944 Operations and Training Staff Officer, 2nd
Air Force, Colorado Springs, Colo.

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12. Oct 1944 - Apr 1946 Deputy Comdr., and later Comdr., 316th Bomb. Wg., Peterson Fld., Colo., and Okinawa.
13. May 1946 - Aug 1946 Chief, Operations Div., A-3, SAC, Bolling Fld., Washington, D.C.
14. Sept 1946 - June 1947 Student, Air Command and Staff School, Maxwell Fld., Ala.
15. July 1947 - Dec 1948 Instructor, Air Command and Staff School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
16. Dec 1948 - Aug 1952 Duty in the War Plans Div., Directorate of Plans, DCS/Ops., Hq. U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
17. Aug 1952 - Jan 1953 Comdr., 68th Bomb. Wg., SAC, Lake Charles AFB, La.
18. Jan 1953 - June 1955 Comdr., 38th Air Div., SAC, Hunter AFB, Ga.
19. June 1955 - July 1957 Comdr., 5th Air Div., SAC, Morocco.
20. July 1957 - July 1959 Director of Personnel Planning, DCS/Pers., Hq. U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
21. July 1959 - Oct 1962 Dep. Comdr., 15th Air Force, March AFB, Calif.
22. Oct 1962 - Dec 1964 Comdr., 8th Air Force, Westover AFB, Mass.
23. Dec 1964 - Jan 1967 Vice CINC, SAC, Offutt AFB, Nebr.
24. Feb 1967 - July 1968 Commander in Chief, SAC, Offutt AFB, Nebr.
25. July 1968 - Present Commander in Chief, Pacific Air Forces, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii.

D. Decorations and Service Awards:

Distinguished Service Medal
 w/1 oak leaf cluster
 Silver Star
 Legion of Merit
 w/3 oak leaf clusters
 Distinguished Flying Cross
 Air Medal
 w/1 oak leaf cluster
 American Defense Service Medal
 American Campaign Medal
 Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal

European-African-Middle Eastern
 Campaign Medal w/2 service stars
 World War II Victory Medal
 Army of Occupation Medal (Japan)
 National Defense Service Medal
 w/1 service star
 Air Force Longevity Service Award
 Ribbon w/6 oak leaf clusters
 Croix de Guerre w/Palm (France)

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E. Effective Dates of Promotions:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Temporary</u>	<u>Permanent</u>
2d Lt	June 12, 1939	June 12, 1936
1st Lt	Oct 20, 1940	June 12, 1939
Capt	Dec 5, 1941	June 21, 1946
Maj	May 14, 1942	
Lt Col	Aug 16, 1943	July 2, 1948
Col	Dec 3, 1952	July 27, 1950
Brig Gen	Oct 24, 1956	Mar 10, 1958
Maj Gen	Oct 1, 1962	May 16, 1960
Lt Gen	Feb 1, 1967	
Gen		

(Date of Rank: February 1, 1967)

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